

St. Michael Church

ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA



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MASSES:

Sunday Vigil: Saturday Eve, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 6:15 (Extraordinary Form of the Latin Rite),
7:45, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 noon

Weekday Masses: See Inside Bulletin

PREGNANT AND NEED HELP? CALL 1-800-848-5683

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. SHARP

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. SHARP

BAPTISMS: SUNDAY AFTER 12:00 NOON MASS

All parents must attend a class prior to the baptism of their child. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory for information and assistance. (Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

SCHOOLS OF RELIGION: For all children attending public school Pre-School through grade 12 meets on Sundays September through May. For more information contact Deacon McCaffrey, 703-941-9403.

WEEKLY NOVENA: Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Novena of The Miraculous Medal.

MONTHLY DEVOTION: First Saturdays following the 8:30 a.m. Mass - Our Lady of Fatima.

MARRIAGE

Please notify one of the priests at least six (6) months before the wedding.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Registration forms are available from the ushers after Mass on Sunday or you may stop by the rectory during the week. Parish membership is required for the reception of either Baptism or Matrimony. Please notify the rectory when your telephone number changes and also when you are moving within or outside the parish.

SICK CALLS

Please notify the Rectory for visits and/or Communion Calls to the sick, shut-ins and those in the hospital.

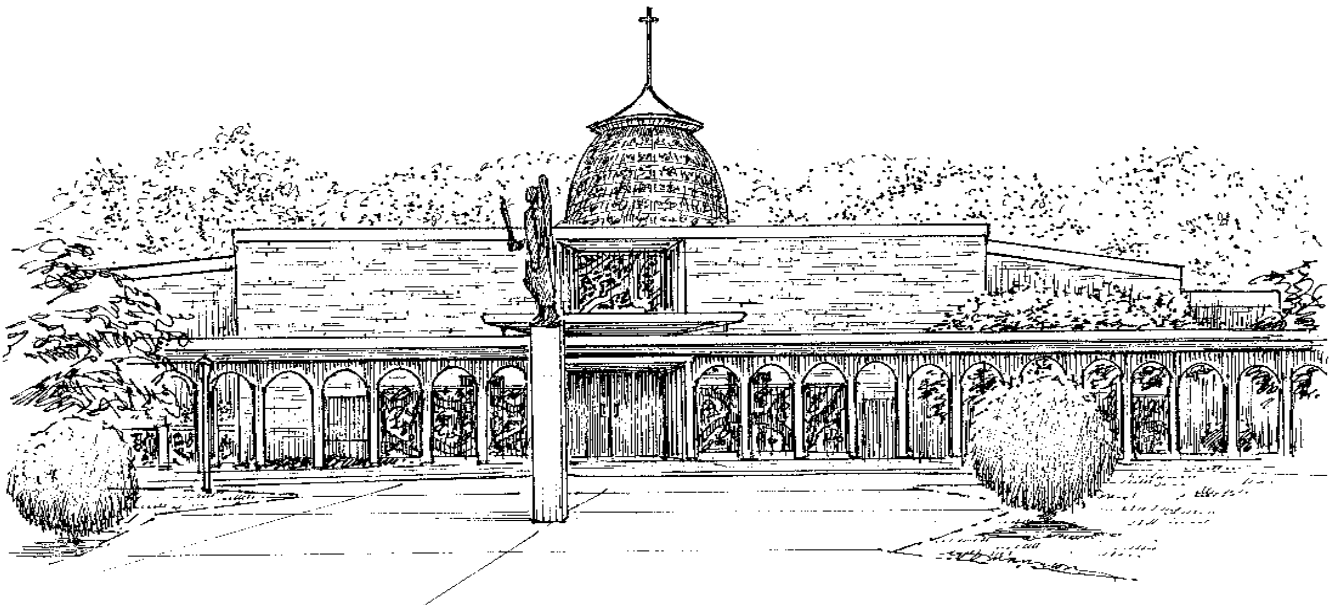
CLERGY OF PARISH

Pastor: Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky

Parochial Vicars: Rev. John T. B. Trong, Rev. Kevin J. Beres

In Residence: Rev. Joseph J. Clark

Permanent Deacons: Deacon Roger T. Ostrom, Deacon David S. McCaffrey



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7, 2010

“Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.” ~ Psalm 103: 8

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, March 8
6:15 a.m. Chung-Woon Rak
8:30 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Harvey +
12 noon Priest's Intention
Tuesday, March 9
6:15 a.m. Merle C. Gomes +
8:30 a.m. Richard A. McSpadden +
12 noon Priest's Intention
Wednesday, March 10
6:15 a.m. Luis L. Jaminola +
8:30 a.m. Manuel Alfonso +
12 noon Priest's Intention
Thursday, March 11
6:15 a.m. Jane Nunes +
8:30 a.m. Jill Fleet
12 noon Priest's Intention
Friday, March 12
6:15 a.m. Col. Charles J. Larsen +
8:30 a.m. Cheri Drazenovich
12 noon Priest's Intention
Saturday, March 13
8:30 a.m. Santiago Velilla +
5 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Healy
Sunday, March 14
6:15 a.m. Loughman family +
7:45 a.m. Merle C. Gomes +
9 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Huy & Kim Lien family
12 noon Margaret Wolfe

FROM THE PASTOR

Praying the Stations of the Cross -- is a popular devotion in both the Eastern and Western Churches. It was developed during the Crusades when the knights and pilgrims began to follow the route of Christ's way to Calvary. This devotion spread throughout Europe and was promulgated by the Franciscan friars in the 14th and 15th centuries. Eventually, the Stations of the Cross became an important catechetical tool, and the popularity of this devotion inspired some of the greatest examples of medieval Christian art. Some scholars believe that medieval miracle plays, which were essentially tableaux of Christ's life, developed from the sculptured representations of the Stations of the Cross in the great Churches. These scenes from the Way of the Cross have provided inspiration for many of the world's greatest works of visual art. During Lent or Holy Week most parishes have a service of Stations at least once. It is worth taking children to this so that they can participate with

other Catholics in this timeless and very moving devotion. If you are near a cathedral or other large church that has beautiful Stations it would be worth making a visit with children so that they can look closely at the depictions of Christ's way to Calvary. The visual representations, combined with the prayers and meditations, help to deepen our understanding of the Way of the Cross, which will be of great spiritual benefit for all Catholics of all ages.

Parish Financial Factoid -- Last year the parish spent \$130,000 on utilities: electricity \$62,000; Gas \$63,000; and, water and sewage, \$5,000. For you technical folks we consumed 584,000 kilowatt hours of electricity and 45,000 therms of natural gas.

The funds donated to the Parish Poor Box -- have been earmarked for "over the hump money" for registered parishioners in need. If you (or any parishioner you know) are having a temporary difficulty meeting a pressing expense, we would be happy to consider your need. We realize the economy is tough and some our folks can easily get down in their luck. Of course we check the registration records first. Although we cannot offer sustained assistance over a long period of time to any one individual or family, there are funds available for an emergency "over the hump" need. Please call the rectory for assistance.

From Father John Cregan -- "It is with sadness that I report to you that Catherine A. Cilinski, mother of Reverend Robert C. Cilinski, passed away peacefully last evening, February 26, 2010. ...Messages of condolence may be sent to Reverend Robert Cilinski, All Saints Parish, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA, 20110. Please keep Catherine Cilinski, and the Cilinski family in your prayers." Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

It isn't uncommon for folks -- to ask the priests or principal for employment leads. It is less common for us to know of any job openings. If you know of any job openings (your firm or some employer you know), please let us know. Call the rectory.

Do you want to volunteer -- and help the Parish with everyday tasks like raking leaves or shoveling snow? Why not sign up for the 1 Hour Club? Here's the deal: the next time there is a parish need (such as shoveling after a snowstorm), we'll send out an email to all those who have signed on to the "1 Hour Club." Bring a shovel at your convenience and shovel out an entrance or clean up a slippery walk way. Work for an hour and you're done! After the snowstorm of over a week ago, had 50 people volunteered just one hour, the Parish grounds would have been in tiptop shape at considerable savings to the church. If you want to be placed on the list, email: 1hourclub@gmail.com. Join us for fellowship! (We have about a dozen people signed up already.)

...As neatly as anything I have seen -- this exchange captured the philosophical and emotional difference between the two parties. Democrats on the whole believe in using government to correct the inequities and inefficiencies the market creates, while Republicans on the whole think market

outcomes are almost always better than anything government can produce. That's not cheap partisanship. It's a fundamental divide. The paradox is that our understanding of politics would be more realistic if we were less cynical and came to see the battle for what it really is" (Excerpted from "Living with partisanship," By E.J. Dionne Jr., The Washington Post, Monday, March 1, 2010; A21).

The results of a computerized survey -- indicate the perfect priest preaches exactly fifteen minutes. He condemns sins but never upsets anyone. He works from 8:00 AM until midnight and is also a janitor. He makes \$50 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car, and gives about \$50 weekly to the poor. He is 28 years old and has preached 30 years. He has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all of his time with senior citizens. The perfect priest smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work. He makes 15 calls daily on parish families, shut-ins and the hospitalized, and is always in his office when needed. If your priest does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other churches that are tired of their priest, too. Then bundle up your priest and send him to the church on the top of the list. In one week, you will receive 1,643 priests and one of them will be perfect. Have faith in this procedure. One parish broke the chain and got its old priest back in less than three weeks. (Be assured that your priests are not as whiny as this blurb sounds. Still, I think it was a pretty funny "chain letter.")

Please Welcome our New Pro-Life – coordinator, Anh Do. Anh takes the baton from Kimberly Walhout who is retiring from the position but will remain as a special assistant to Anh in the months ahead. Anh and I discussed the trajectory of the pro-life effort here at St. Michael Church. We will continue to participate in the annual March For Life, contributing to the throngs of pro-life folks who stand up to protect the lives of unborn babies. Beyond this annual event, we would also like to work behind the scenes encouraging parishioners to write their elected officials to promote pro-life legislation. We need to make it clear to our politicians what we know to be true: the parishioners of St. Michael Church are pro-life and we vote. Many thanks Anh for spearheading this most important parish apostolate. May God reward your generosity!

California Federal District Court -- Judge Roger T. Benitez ruled late this past Friday that the Poway Unified School District in San Diego, CA, violated math teacher Bradley Johnson's constitutional rights when it ordered him to remove two patriotic banners from the walls of his classroom because they "over-emphasized" God. The Thomas More Law Center, a national public interest law firm based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, filed the federal lawsuit on Johnson's behalf, after the school district ordered him to take down his banners in January 2007. The two banners are approximately seven feet wide and two feet tall and contain phrases that highlight our Nation's history and religious heritage. ... Judge Benitez's 32-page opinion was strongly worded and critical of the Poway school districts aversion to mentioning God: "[The school district officials] apparently fear their students are incapable of dealing with diverse viewpoints that include God's place in American history and culture. . . . That God places prominently in our Nation's history does not create an Establishment Clause

violation requiring curettage and disinfectant for Johnson's public high school classroom walls. It is a matter of historical fact that our institutions and government actors have in past and present times given place to a supreme God." (Source: <http://www.thomasmore.org>).

Women For Faith & Family -- announces the Voices Young Writers Award, to be given to the best essay written by any Catholic student ages 12-18. The paper, to be submitted by the instructor, school official, or student's parent, is to be between 1,000 and 2,500 words in length, typewritten (or word-processed), and may be on any aspect of the Catholic faith and morals. The essay must be faithful to Catholic teachings. Each entry must include a brief biography of the student, including the name, address, age, and photograph. If applicable, this statement should also include a description of the school or home-school the student attends and the class for which it was written. The essays will be judged by members of the Voices editorial board. Winning entries will be published in Voices and on the WFF web site. The author of the winning essay will receive an award of \$100. Mail entries to: Voices Young Writers Award; PO Box 300411; Saint Louis, MO 63130. Submission Deadlines: Pentecost issue: April 26, 2010; Michaelmas issue: August 30, 2010; Advent-Christmas issue: October 22, 2010.

Russia's biathlon relay team -- revealed the secret to their success following their gold medal victory on Tuesday, reports AFP. "Go ahead and have babies -- and get better in sports," said Russian anchor Olga Zaitseva, 31, in a word of advice to the French and German teams, who won silver and bronze respectively. Zaitseva told AFP that having her son, Alexander, who was born in 2007, helped her become a better athlete. "My child is my greatest happiness and he is my best little gold medal," she said. "It has made me calmer." The four-member Russian team boasted three mothers, and Zaitseva's advice was echoed by the two other mothers. "No medal compares to having a child," said Anna Boulygina, 30. "I think children are the main thing women are designed to do. Having a family is an enormous help to me and it is due to their support that I am able to achieve this result, so the answer is yes, it helps." (Source: WHISTLER, British Columbia, February 25, 2010, LifeSiteNews.com, Patrick B. Craine)

Quotables -- A day without sunshine is like night; On the other hand, you have different fingers; 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot; 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name; Remember, half the people you know are below average; He who laughs last, thinks slowest; Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm; The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap; Support bacteria. They're the only culture most people have; A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory; Change is inevitable, except from vending machines; If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments; How many of you believe in psycho-kinesis? Raise my hand; OK, so what's the speed of dark?; When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane; Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now; How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?; What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?; Why do psychics have to ask you your name?; Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, 'What the heck

happened?"; Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

“Fairfax County ended 2009 -- with an overall drop of nearly 5 percent in index crimes compared with 2008. Index crimes, reported monthly to federal authorities, include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. Violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) decreased by 14.6 percent: property crimes (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) decreased by 4.5 percent. ‘I’m pleased to see the drop in overall crime and especially the nearly 15 percent decline in violent crime,’ said Colonel Dave Rohrer, Chief of the Fairfax County Police Department.” (Source: Fairfax County Police) Hey, we’re doing our part! We have a very accessible Confession schedule!

IN OUR PARISH

Pancake Breakfast Hosted by Knights of Columbus (KoC)

The KoC will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 7th (after the 7:45, 9, and 10:30 Mass) in the Cafeteria. All profits benefit the Building Fund. The Knights will be cooking plenty of pancakes with your choice of bacon or sausage!

Altar Boy Training

Another altar boy training will be held on Tuesday, March 9th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. If interested, please call Fr. Beres at 703-256-7822.

Lenten Confession Schedule

Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 3-4:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Lazarus Group

Due to the snow, the Lazarus Group meeting originally scheduled for Feb. 10 was cancelled. The rescheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 7:00pm in the All Purpose Room of the Junior School. Anyone who wishes to join this bereavement ministry is encouraged to attend this meeting. For more information please call 703-256-1630.

St. Michael’s Parish Lenten Suppers

Please join us each Friday in Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the All Purpose Room for meatless soups, salad, bread & finger desserts. Donations welcome and will benefit "A Woman's Choice," a pro-life crisis pregnancy center. Lenten Suppers continue now through 3/26. As a thank you to the Parish Community for their support, Cub Scout Pack 894 - Grades 1-5 will provide meatless pizza (while supply last) at the meals.

St. Michael’s Seniors (50+)

What: Post St. Patrick’s Day Bingo Party and Luncheon.
When: Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 2-5 p.m.
Where: Senior School Cafeteria
Cost: \$10 pp for St. Michael’s group members
\$13 pp for non-group members

A luncheon will be served followed by bingo, door prizes, and a 50/50. Send your reservations (deadline March 16th) payable to ‘St. Michael’s Seniors’ to Geri Owen, 7110 Falcon Street, Annandale, VA 22003. Questions? call Geri at 703-941-3848.

Stations of the Cross - St. Michael’s will have Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. in the Church on Fridays during Lent.

Ancient Order Hibernians

The Msgr. Bradican Division will host a St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday March 13th, 2010, at 6 PM in the Cafeteria. The cost is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple; children (under 12) \$15. For more information or to buy tickets call Bill McCabe at 703-451-4071 or email william_mccabe@comcast.net.

Please Pray for: Maria A. Balenger*; Paul Barsanti*; G. R.; J. G.; M. C.*; R. Z; T. S. (friend of Alex Hrovat); M. K.; Kim Thoa; Thomas & Mildred White*; Janet Langen*; Mary Terese Lan; Eleanor Blake; Kendal Chatteliar; Linn Chatteliar; Norma Murphy; our soldiers overseas, especially members of our families; Bonnie Shaffer; Grace Grepo*; Kevin and Claud Clark; Julia Lattanzio; Sylvia Buonincontri*; Robert Bermingham*; John Wilson; Freya Wall; Dick & Trudy Fisher*; Dorothy Sacco*; Jose Gonzalez and Alexis Stattel*; Paul Terry*; Mrs. Sylvia Sanchez*; Marian Sneesby (sister of Lucille Catlin*); Mercedes Misko*; Ruth Naomi Contreras, wife of Deacon Carlos Contreras*; Joey Norris, relative of Bill Montes de Oca*; Dana Semerjian; Donald Clark, husband of Bea Clark*; John Healy, brother of Dolores Wisecarver*; Joseph Pistone; Allyson Caputo, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Caputo; Mi Nguyen daughter of Dziep N Nguyen*; Chris Ballard, son of Jane and Jim Ballard* and former St. Michael School student; Maria LeDoux; Veronica Kiszkiel, sister-in-law of Fran Visco*; Hung Pham and Chau Duong*; Francine Maddelena; Cuc Huynh; Pompeo Romano; with apologies to anyone we dropped – call Father Pokorsky or the Office for next week.

This Week’s Coming Events

<u>Sunday, March 7</u>		
Pancake Breakfast	after 7:45, 9, 10:30 Mass	Cafeteria
Bible Study	10 a.m.	Lower Level, Rm3
CCD	10:15 a.m.	various classrooms
<u>Monday, March 8</u>		
Readers	7:30 p.m.	Church
RCIA	7:30 p.m.	Lower Level
Legion of Mary	7:30 p.m.	CCD office
<u>Tuesday, March 9</u>		
Institute of Catholic Culture	7:30 p.m.	All Purpose Room
<u>Wednesday, March 10</u>		
Confessions & Novena	6:30/7:30 p.m.	Church
Lazarus Group	7 p.m.	All Purpose Room
<u>Thursday, March 11</u>		
First Communion Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Church
<u>Friday, March 12</u>		
Parish Lenten Suppers	5:30 p.m.	All Purpose Room
Stations of the Cross	7:30 p.m.	Church
<u>Saturday, March 13</u>		
Schola Choir	9:30 a.m.	Music Room
Confessions	3:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.	Church
St. Patrick’s Day Party	6 p.m.	Cafeteria

Next Week’s Second Collection

The second collection next weekend will be for Catholic Relief Services, as well as for the Msgr. Scannell Fund.